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ADMISSIONS HOURS
FINANCIAL AID, COUNSELING
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Mon - Thurs ............... 8:30 am - 7:00 pm
Fri .............................. 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Sat ............................. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
(Aug 25 - Sept 8)

For other office hours, visit
WLAC.edu/Services

STUDENT SERVICES
BUILDING
New home of the
Bookstore, Admissions & Student
Services, and Café West

Save cash by renting your
textbooks. Through the West
Bookstore you can rent textbooks
in subjects from Accounting to
Travel. Get the details at
www.WLAC.edu/Bookstore

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BOOKSTORE
Welcome Back!

ATTEND THE 1ST CLASS SESSION or risk losing your seat
Whether you enroll before or after the first day of the semester, failure to be present for the first day of class may result in your seat being given to another student.

ADD/DROP CLASSES

FOR THE TRADITIONAL 16 WEEK SEMESTER
UNTIL August 26 (the day before school starts)
You may add open classes online using the Student Information System (SIS).

Go to www.WLAC.edu. At the top of the page on the right, click “register for Classes.” Log in with your student ID or social security number. Your PIN is the month and day of your birth date, unless you change it.

If the class you want is full, you may try to add the class by showing up early on the first day to see if the professor is able to add you. If you are given an add card, take it to the Add/Drop Center in the new Student Service Building (SSB).

AFTER August 26
You must request an add card from the professor for the class you wish to add. Take the completed add card to the Add/Drop Center in the new Student Service Building (SSB).

FOR ONLINE CLASSES

To Add Classes Please email the instructor for permission to add a full/closed online class. Instructor email addresses can be found under the “Schedules” link on the Distance Learning web site (www.WLAC.edu/Online). For more information on adding online classes, please click on the “Enrollment” link and review the section labeled “Adding Online Courses”.

To Drop Classes You may drop classes at any time through the Student Information System. Pay attention to the drop dates found in the Academic Calendar at www.WLAC.edu/ScheduleOfClass/ScheduleCalendar.html. If you do not drop by the listed dates, you will be responsible for tuition payment and you may receive a “W” or “F” grade for the class.
**ATTEMPTS ALLOWED**
In the past, a student at any LACCD college could attempt to pass a class up to 7 times. Up to 4 “W” (withdrawal) and up to 3 “D” and/or “F” grades were permitted. This rule has changed.

**Today** a student may only attempt to pass the same class up to 3 times. Whether you receive a “W,” “D” or “F,” it will count as an attempt. Students who unsuccessfully attempt a class 3 times but still want another opportunity to pass will have to enroll in the class at a non-LACCD campus.

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU?**
Be sure that you are adequately prepared for classes in which you enroll. If you think you will likely drop a class, do so by the “Drop w/o a W” date on September 7.

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**WE CAN HELP YOU RAISE YOUR GPA**
FREE Academic coaching in many subjects -- basic and advanced. Get assistance with outlines, structuring papers, footnotes, research and more. Visit Learning Skills - Library 1st Floor (HLRC).

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**SPOTLIGHT ON... STUDY ABROAD**

This January 2013, 
Get a Tan in Chile!

Spend 4 weeks in Valparaiso, Chile sight-seeing and experiencing another culture while improving your Spanish and earning university transferrable credit. Valparaiso is a vibrant center of Chilean culture and a UNESCO World Heritage Site in recognition of its unique design and architecture. Classes will be held at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Valparaiso, one of the most prestigious universities in Chile. Students will be taught by instructors with extensive experience teaching Spanish to English speakers in a total immersion setting.

To enhance the learning and the cultural experience, students live with host families. Typically, students with limited Spanish skills are placed with families where at least one of the members can communicate in English. Accommodations include a private room, internet access, 3 meals per day and laundry service.

The university is just 15 minutes from the historical city and popular tourist capital of Viña del Mar. Teacher-led day trips and independent excursions to the capital, beaches and other points of interest are part of this unique experience.

**TUITION & FEES:**
Instruction $1,016 | Homestay Fee $640 | Airfare $TBA
Learn more at [www.WLAC.edu/StudyAbroad/Chile](http://www.WLAC.edu/StudyAbroad/Chile) or (310) 287-4305

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**See You in Spain in 2013!**
Join West’s popular Spanish instructor Josefina Oregel Culton in Spain this summer. Each year, with Professor Culton as their guide, students explore Salamanca, Spain which is close to Madrid, Segovia, Avila and Lisbon, Portugal. Salamanca is a walking city, dating to pre-Roman days, is full of history, great architecture, culture, language schools, and student fun.

As with the Chile program, students take their Spanish classes at a prestigious university - Pontifical University of Salamanca. Course credit is transferable to UC and CSU campuses.

For more information, visit [www.WLAC.edu/StudyAbroad](http://www.WLAC.edu/StudyAbroad)
MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR KIDS

Career Opportunities

“The amazing part about working with children is that you are impacting their future every day,” said Beth Evans, director of West’s Child Development program. “While working in child development typically will not make you rich, you can count on having a job and the work is very satisfying. Additionally, as you gain more experience and education, you can compete for more elite positions or move up the ranks and make a comfortable living.”

Successful child development students have the opportunity to work in toddler and pre-school programs; school-age after care and community programs; and for family child care homes. Most students go on to work as teacher assistants or teachers. Some advance to Program Manager or Site Supervisor. Others choose to open their own in-home day care or pre-school; become upper-end nannies and au pairs; develop curriculum; teach teachers; or work in other ways impacting children with social, educational and/or government services.

THE FACTS: Employment in childcare is expected to grow by 20% in the next 10 years. In Los Angeles County alone, 56% of children ages 0-13 have parents who work. Approximately half of these children are in Early Child Education centers, licensed family child care homes or supervised after school settings. In addition, there are thousands of young children moving into part-day preschool to prepare for kindergarten.

The average salary of Preschool Teachers in California is $30,500 and an hourly wage of $14.66, as of 2009. Site supervisors and directors earn from $50,000 to $60,000 per year. Staff who work in niche areas such as children with special needs or for affluent private institutions have greater earning potential.

Prepare at West

West’s Child Development program is designed to prepare caring, knowledgeable educational professionals. Courses and certificates are structured to assist students progress up the employment ladder from entry-level employee to teacher, administrator or even facility owner. Our program has paths for those who have never worked in Child Development and working professionals who want advance their knowledge and credentialing. There are also paths for students who want to get to work as soon as possible or who are able to commit to two or more years to earn a Certificate of Completion or Associate’s degree. After completing just two challenging courses, you are qualified to apply for a Child Development Assistant Teacher Permit from the State of California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

After completing 12 units and 50 days of working in the field three or more hours per day, you are qualified to work as an Associate Teacher. To become an Early Childhood Teacher, you must complete the Child Development Certificate or the Associate Degree. The Associate Degree can increase both your salary and your competitiveness as a candidate for hire.

For higher levels of employment and employment in specialized areas, you will need to complete additional courses and/or earn a Bachelor’s degree.

“Ms. Amber is awesome!”

Amber is nearing the completion of her Associate Degree in Child Development and using what she learns on the job. She is a popular staffer in Culver City’s after-school and camp programs. One day, she hopes to have her own childcare center or after-school program.

Amber said she didn’t choose working with children as a career. It chose her. “Being an older sister and my mother being a single mom as I was growing up, I always gave a helping hand with children. I have tried many other professions from office/desk jobs to retail, but nothing suited me better or gave me more joy than working with the smiling faces of children.”

She added, “I love coming to work every day knowing that I’m going to make a change in someone’s life. Plus, if I’m having a bad day that all changes when I get to work because their faces just make your heart melt.”

The education she is getting at West, said Amber, is helping to make her more credible on the job and makes her more in-demand. She also appreciates all of the benefits of being part of the college’s EOP&S program. EOP&S provides financial and academic support and special programs for first-generation college, low-income and other non-traditional students. Amber graduated from Dorsey High Math Science Magnet several years before enrolling at West. “West made me a student again, but this time I realized I had it in me. West gave me a chance to make me and my future better.”
The WLAC Foundation awards scores of scholarships to West students each Spring. Criteria vary and may include: merit, financial need, major, goals, age, gender, community service, GPA, overcoming obstacles, etc. See scholarship criteria and descriptions at www.WLAC.edu/ASO.

Low income students who aspire to earn a degree in SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING or MATH are invited to apply for WLAC STEM Scholarships. Maximum awards are $2,700 per semester or $5,400 per year.

This new scholarship program is funded through a grant awarded to West by the National Science Foundation. The intent of the program is to assist academically talented, financially needy students pursue and complete a STEM degree at West and then transfer to complete a baccalaureate STEM program at a university. Recipients of the West STEM scholarship will also be offered special courses that build their research capabilities, science skills in problem solving, and critical thinking. They will also receive counseling and mentoring from STEM faculty and be exposed to scientific gatherings of notable academic and industry scientists.

Applications for Spring 2013 will be available soon. Visit the Science Division web page for your application at www.WLAC.edu/Science. Applicants must be graduates from area high schools, OR current WEST students, OR college students transferring into West with 30 or less college credits. Applicants must also have a 2.75 or higher GPA. See other requirements at www.WLAC.edu/Science.

WLAC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are due to the ASO Office or Financial Aid by March 2013. Check the web site in Spring for more information.

FOR INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS, VISIT THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE AND/OR THE FINANCIAL AID WEB SITE

“The reality is that there are hundreds of millions of dollars in scholarship monies available in the United States, and many – if not most – of these scholarships are attainable by regular students with regular accomplishments...The bottom line is this: You don’t have to be a superstar to win scholarship awards – but you will probably feel like one when you pay for your tuition with free money!”

~ Financial Aid Finder: www.FinancialAidFinder.com
MAKING COLLEGE MORE AFFORDABLE

Rent Your Books

**EVERY STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE.**

Save money by renting your books from the West Bookstore instead of buying them. The savings can add up to hundreds of dollars. Rental books are available in almost every subject. To participate in the program, order your books online or in person. For a list of books available for rent, and more information, visit [www.WLAC.edu/Bookstore](http://www.WLAC.edu/Bookstore).

Paid Internships

**EVERY STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE.**

LACCD, the district of which West is a part, has a program to connect students with internships at organizations that provide products and/or services to the colleges as part of the construction program. Internships include office positions, architecture and engineering, business and legal services, human resources, graphics and computer technology. For more information, visit West's Personnel Office on the 4th floor of SSB on Tuesdays between 10:00am - 12:30pm. Or, contact Roslin Dear at (310) 925-3313.

**FINANCIAL AID**

**CAL GRANTS**

You may still apply for a Cal Grant for 2012-13 through **SEPT. 2, 2012**

Through the end of Spring 2013, you may apply for other financial aid including fee waivers, Pell Grants, and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG). Unlike loans, this is money you DO NOT have to pay back.

**ASSISTANCE FOR LOW INCOME, FIRST GENERATION & MINORITY COLLEGE STUDENTS**

**EOP&S / CARE AND TRIO**

EOP&S provides services to enrolled students who are economically and educationally disadvantaged including single parents. TRiO participants must be low-income first-generation college students who are U.S. Citizens or meet federal residence guidelines. Benefits of these programs include:

- Financial Aid Advisement and/or Assistance
- Textbook Vouchers
- Childcare Assistance
- Transportation Stipends
- Academic & Career Counseling
- Free Tutoring & Success Workshops
- University Tours & Fee Waivers for University Applications
- Professional Mentors

**CALWORKS**

This program is available to students receiving cash aid through CalWORKs/TANF. Benefits include:

- Book/Supplies Vouchers
- Work Study Jobs On Campus
- Tutoring & Workshops
- Academic Advisement
- Assistance with Learning Disabilities
- Child Care

An **IRS Transcript is NOW REQUIRED** when you file your FAFSA.

Learn more at [WLAC.edu/FinancialAid](http://WLAC.edu/FinancialAid)
THE TRANSFER CENTER
WLAC Transfer Center is where the most comprehensive resources are located in the New Student Services Building on the 2ND Floor. Transfer Services are available to all students. Get help researching and selecting universities, identifying scholarships, preparing applications, personal statements and much more. Also, meet with university recruiters and admissions representatives from across the country. Check the TRANSFER Website - www.WLAC.edu/Transfer/Transfer_Center.html as well as WestWeek for dates and times of events.

TRANSFER HONORS PROGRAM
Transfer Honors Program students receive priority admissions consideration to selected prestigious four-year institutions including UCLA, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, UC Santa Cruz, Pomona, Occidental, Chapman and Pepperdine and other alliance universities. For more information please visit the Transfer Honors website - www.WLAC.edu/Transfer/Honors-Program.html

For an application and instructions or contact: Helen Young, Transfer Honors Director SSB 3rd Floor, Rm 340B | (310) 287-4289

EOP&S | TRIO | EOC
For low-income and/or first generation college students and other non-traditional students, these programs offer some or all of the following:

- Access to additional financial aid and scholarships.
- Priority class registration.
- Academic / career counseling and mentoring.
- How to succeed in college & on the job programs.
- University transfer advisement, field trips and application assistance.
- Cultural and social events.

Visit www.WLAC.edu/Services for more information.

TRANSFER E-CHAT
In addition to meeting university representatives in person at the Transfer Center, you can chat with them online. At www.WLAC.edu/Transfer_EChat you can talk to representatives from UCLA, CSUN, Pepperdine, University of Phoenix and more.

WHAT IS IGETC?
See the video at www.WLAC.edu/Transfer

COHORT PROGRAMS
Many students have greater success and a more enjoyable experience in college when they are part of a program with familiar faces and structure. The following programs offer transfer-minded students the opportunity to progress within a cohort of students, tailored courses and committed faculty & staff. Learn more at: www.WLAC.edu/Academics/CohortPrograms.html

ACT:
Accelerated College Transfer was designed with mature students in mind. Successful students are able to transfer in 2 years by attending 8-week classes just 2 nights per week or Saturdays + online.

PUENTE & UMOSA: These programs offer special courses and access to scholarships, career counseling, mentoring and more. Both programs are open to all students. However, Puente does emphasize Latino culture while Umoja emphasizes African American culture.
COUNSELING: West’s counselors can help you develop your “Student Educational Plan” to meet your transfer goals.

CHILD CARE: The campus Child Development Center offers student-parents quality, licensed care in a modern childcare facility.

DSPS: Disabled Student Programs & Services assists students with physical and learning disabilities succeed. Services include: classroom accommodations; recordings for the blind and dyslexic; registration assistance; and more.

EOP&S: provides special academic and financial support services to economically disadvantaged students who have university transfer as a goal.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Millions of dollars go unused because students like you do not apply for financial aid to assist with tuition, books and living expenses. Financial aid includes Fee Waivers, Grants and Scholarships - these never have to be repaid - as well as low interest loans.

LIBRARY SERVICES: West’s Library provides access to reserve textbooks, research materials and computers. Get instruction on how to: use the library, conduct research, search the internet and create bibliographies.

TUTORING: Students may obtain tutoring in a variety of subjects on the first floor of the Library building (HLRC). Day and evening assistance is available.

HEALTH CENTER: The Student Health & Wellness Center provides free and low cost health care including: gynecological services; first aid; medications; mental health counseling and more.
PARKING INFO

GRACE PERIOD:
Aug 27 - Sept 9
Starting September 10, vehicles without parking permits will be cited.

The first few weeks of school are much more crowded than usual. Allow extra time to park and get to class.

PARKING PASS
Buy ONLINE!
Get it in the MAIL!

www.WLAC.edu/Parking
Save time by purchasing your semester parking pass online at www.WLAC.edu/Parking.
Receive it at the mailing address of your choice in just a few days. Semester passes are still just $20.00 and there is a $3.00 handling fee when you order online.

Students may also buy a pass at the Business Office in SSB.

LEGEND

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS ................. CE 1ST FLR
ALLIED HEALTH ...................... MSB 101
AVIATION TECH COMPLEX ........ AT-A, AT-B, AT-C
ASO (ASSOCIATED STUDENT ORG) .......... A-5
ASSESSMENT CENTER ............... SSB 420
ATHLETICS .......................... PECN
BOOKSTORE ......................... SSB 1ST FLR
BUSINESS DIVISION ............... CE
CAFÉ ..................................... SSB 1ST FLR
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LANGUAGE ARTS DIVISION .......... GC 280
LIBRARY/LEARNING ......... HLRC
MATHEMATICS DIVISION .......... MSB 214
PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIVISION .... PEC
PHYSICAL SCIENCE ................. MSB 211
SCIENCE DIVISION ............... MSB 211
SHERIFF’S OFFICE ............... C-3 (IN LOT 5)
SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION ....... GC 380
STUDENT SERVICES ............... SSB 440
TRANSFER CENTER ................ SSB 340
TUTORING CENTER ................. HLRC
VETERANS CENTER ............... SSB 220
WESTSIDE EXTENSION ........... A-18 (IN LOT 5)

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at West Los Angeles College

Enjoy a little more summer at West Los Angeles College
with Grammy Award winning Paul Brown, Chart Topper Darren Rahn & more!

Free Expo: 11 am - 4 pm
Concert: 2 pm - 6 pm

Learn more at www.EarthFestLA.org
STUDENT DROP OFF ZONE located in S. Parking Structure Overflow Lot. ENTER FROM "C STREET." Attempting to drop off students in other areas may result in receiving a citation from the Sheriff.

FREE SPEECH AREA

SAT, SEPT 15

STUDENT TICKETS:
just $10!
(online in advance)
Student ID –or– CA ID & Class Registration Receipt must be shown at gate.

Buy tickets online at www.EarthFestLA.org
use discount code “successatwest”

Be entered into a drawing to WIN

2 FREE CONCERT TICKETS

Email the correct answer by 9/6/12 at 8pm to:
Info@WLAC.edu

QUESTION:
When is the “No Penalty Drop Date” (Last Day to Drop w/o a W)?

The winner will be notified by email on 9/7/12.
PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE NEW JOB MARKET.

You know you’re getting a great education at WLAC. After graduation, think seriously about continuing your education and earning a bachelor’s degree. Increase your marketability. Consider one of the many high-quality programs from Fort Hays State University.

Fort Hays State’s online programs have recently been very highly ranked by U.S. News & World Report, and GetEducated.com has recognized us as one of the most affordable universities in the U.S.

Personalized advising, caring faculty and a wide range of support services help ensure your success. FHSU’s undergraduate tuition of $178.20 per credit hour is extremely competitive and affordable.

Call 800.628.FHSU and ask for the Virtual College, or check out our website at www.fhsu.edu/virtualcollege to learn more.